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Dear General Smith:

Mr. Spofford reports from London an urgent concern over Soviet and Satellite reaction to the possible admission of Greece and Turkey to NATO. The Department of State would much appreciate a National Intelligence Estimate for the guidance of Mr. Spofford on the question:

What relative reaction can be expected from the USSR or its satellites to:

- (a) the admission of Greece and Turkey to NATO; or
- (b) Greek and Turkish association with certain other nations, NATO and/or non-NATO, including the US, in a collective security arrangement for the Mediterranean area, linked in some way to NATO; or
- (c) security arrangements between Greece and Turkey and certain individual NAT nations, including the US?

The urgency of the problem is so great that, if the Estimate is to be useful, we must request that it be prepared as a Crash Estimate.

To expedite consideration of the problem in CIA, I attach an Intelligence Estimate of our own: "Estimate of Reactions to Varying Degrees of US Military Commitment and Activity in the Near East," of May 1. This paper covers some considerable part of the problem set, and may serve as an advance on any contribution that would be required of us.

Sincerely yours,

Fisher Howe
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